

Shrines in our junior and senior high schools nationwide. These Shrines serve to inspire our nation's youth and are just another example of Dan's, and The National Exchange Club's, commitment to strengthening America's civic society and promoting American patriotism.

Dan's tireless efforts have not gone by unnoticed. In 2010, Dan was awarded the high honor of the National Exchange Club's Lifetime Achievement Award. Throughout his tenure with the National Exchange Club, Dan also received additional awards and letters of commendation from the National Exchange Club's Directors and District Executive Directors for his dedication to making our communities better places to live.

Dan's passion and dedication to the Exchange Club's efforts have been, and will continue to be, an inspiration throughout the community. He has been the heart and soul of many projects within our region and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American, and friend. I know that many in our region are grateful for his service and I congratulate him on his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 339 and 340, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the excellence of Pioneer Middle School in Yorkshire, New York. The school was recently designated a "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. Pioneer Middle School was one of only 118 schools from across the country to receive this outstanding distinction.

The Forum uses rigorous criteria of requirements and achievements to select the recipients of this highly esteemed honor. Academic performance, developmental responsiveness, and social equity are among the factors used to grade each school. Schools that receive this prestigious distinction must display a strong "sense of purpose" and maintain a "trajectory toward excellence." Pioneer Middle School continually meets and exceeds each of these requirements and it shows in the students and their mentors.

Earning this award speaks to the dedication of the administration and faculty to providing students with the highest level of academic excellence. I would like to specifically recognize the principal of Pioneer Middle School, Melissa Prorok, for going above and beyond in facilitating a positive academic experience for each student.

Once again, I commend Pioneer Middle School on this notable achievement. I am con-

fident that the excellence displayed by the teachers and administrators will continue to develop strong academic foundations for their students, paving the way for them to achieve success throughout their academic careers. I am proud of the positive impact this school is making on students and its community.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRISTOPHER A. GRICE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Christopher A. Grice, a true American hero. His achievements are shining examples of dedication and loyalty to the state of Kentucky, and his country.

Colonel Grice was originally commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Course (ROTC) as a Distinguished Military Graduate after graduating with a Bachelor of Science from Southern Illinois University. Colonel Grice continued his education by later earning a Master of Science degree in Environmental Management from Webster University.

His military career as a commissioned officer began as the Battalion Chemical Officer of the 1st Battalion in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he also served as a Support Platoon Leader. Colonel Grice led the Blue Grass Chemical Activity's workforce through the Rocket Separation Operation. The operation was deemed successful due to Colonel Grice's commitment to safety and stakeholder involvement. Perhaps Colonel Grice's greatest attribute is his leadership abilities. After facing a government shutdown and a moratorium on hiring during his command, Colonel Grice's ability to maintain a high morale while meeting all regulatory requirements is truly admirable.

Several military decorations Colonel Grice has received throughout his impressive career including the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon. These awards are only a small testament to Colonel Grice's service to our armed services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in congratulating Colonel Christopher A. Grice on his life of superior excellence, service and loyalty. His service to the state of Kentucky is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing what Colonel Grice accomplishes in the future. I would also like to extend my personal gratitude to Colonel Grice for all that he has done for the United States military, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote 356, I was away from the House floor and intended to vote "aye."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,545,861,055,228.61. We've added \$6,918,984,006,315.53 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN HONOR OF DR. CHARLES "CHUCK" LIONEL FRANKLIN, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding community leader, caring physician, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Dr. Charles "Chuck" Lionel Franklin, Jr. Dr. Franklin departed to his eternal reward on Monday, June 2, 2014. A funeral service was held on Monday, June 9, 2014, at the Dunbarton Chapel at Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C. Hundreds of mourners were present to pay tribute to Dr. Franklin's honorable life and legacy.

Dr. Franklin was born on April 5, 1946, and was raised in Washington, D.C. Over the course of his lifetime, Dr. Franklin exemplified the meaning of being a servant leader. He began at Howard University, where he never missed an opportunity to engage in causes that promoted justice and equality. Even as an alumnus, his commitment to the university remained one of his greatest causes. He advocated the D.C. Metro bus system to change the name of the bus stop for Howard's campus from "LeDroit Park" to "Howard University" to recognize the university's status in the same way that other prominent colleges were recognized. Also, as a result of his advocacy on behalf of his beloved alma mater and black college football, the Washington media began publishing the scores and highlights of black college sports in mainstream sports news stories. Dr. Franklin shared Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s belief that, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

In 1976, Dr. Franklin expanded his repertoire of servant leadership by opening his Family Medicine practice in Silver Spring, Maryland, with medical privileges at area hospitals. Dr. Franklin practiced medicine for 35 years, focusing on patient advocacy. He worked tirelessly to bring awareness to the prevention of HIV/AIDS and diabetes.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I will always remember about Dr. Franklin is his steadfast commitment to his family and his faith. I became fond of Dr. Franklin through his wife, the former Alexis Margaret Herman, former U.S. Secretary of Labor under President Bill Clinton, and a lifelong friend of mine. As big brother to Dolores and Estelle, dad to

Sharath, Michelle and young Chuck, grandfather to Brian and David, and inspiration to extended family and countless friends, Chuck spared no effort in sharing himself to the fullest. Moreover, as husband, there was no limit to his love for Alexis! But above all, Dr. Franklin loved his Savior. Always seeking to improve the craft of Christian ministry and discipleship, he was often called "the praying doctor" because he not only gave his patients medical hope but he also prayed with them for spiritual help and healing.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Dr. Franklin went far in life because his loving personality brought warmth to all whom he encountered. A man of integrity and high moral values, his understanding, compassion and kindness made him a guiding light within the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in paying tribute to Dr. Charles "Chuck" Franklin, Jr. for his dedication to serving others, his passion for promoting equality among individuals from different walks of life, and his deep commitment to his family and his faith. We extend our deepest sympathies to Dr. Franklin's family and friends during this very difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING CHAD CLARK

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the late Chad Clark of Floresville, Texas—a well-known and respected law enforcement officer.

Mr. Clark's story was truly one of hard work and dedication, having climbed his way from the position of nonpaid reserve officer all the way to lieutenant. The nearly 22 years of service Chad Clark gave to the Floresville Police Department is the second-longest stint in the department's history.

In 1989, while Mr. Clark was working in a local convenience store, he struck up a friendship with a Floresville PD officer. This new friendship sparked Chad's interest in a career in law enforcement and he soon enrolled in police academy in San Antonio. After working in the Poteet Police Department for two years, Chad Clark returned to Floresville to begin his more than 20 year term of service in the Floresville Police Department.

Five years into his career, he was promoted to corporal. In 2001, while working as the day-shift supervisor, Mr. Clark was promoted to detective, where he investigated a wide variety of crimes.

In 2012, Chad Clark reached the level of lieutenant within the Floresville Police Department. That same year, he was elected as the Wilson County Precinct 2 constable. He served admirably in both capacities and will be missed dearly by all that had the pleasure of knowing him.

Described by those he worked with, Mr. Clark was a kind-hearted, generous man who came into work with a positive outlook that was infectious.

Aside from his exemplary career in law enforcement, Chad Clark had served on the boards for the Wilson County Friends of the Library as well as the Floresville Independent School District. Mr. Clark is survived by his two daughters, 21-year-old Kayla and 17-year-old Marah.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize the late Chad Clark. His hard work and positive attitude have truly impacted many lives and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMSTOCK'S MAGAZINE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Comstock's magazine as the publication celebrates its 25th anniversary. For a quarter century, this magazine has shared timely and significant insights into the Sacramento region's business climate with thousands of readers. As Comstock's staff, business partners and readers gather to celebrate the company's 25th anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Comstock's magazine and its special place in Sacramento's business community.

Comstock's magazine is the brainchild of my friend and businesswoman, Winnie Comstock. I have had the pleasure of knowing Winnie for many years; we first met while folding clothes at the annual Junior League rummage sale. She has always displayed a true passion for telling Sacramento's story and has succeeded beyond belief with Comstock's magazine.

The first issue of Comstock's was published in July of 1989 and the magazine has thrived ever since. The magazine has created a forum for coverage of ideas that celebrate the region, while never shying away from addressing what the region must do to succeed. On issues from water to transportation, and banking to education, each month Comstock's leaves over 85,000 readers with a better understanding of the topics that define the Sacramento region.

Comstock's magazine reporting has earned multiple "Maggie Awards," which includes twice being named the Best Business Consumer Magazine in the Western United States by the Western Publishers Association, as well as numerous national awards from the American Association of Business Publication Editors.

Since its founding in 1989, the world has dramatically changed, and Comstock's has changed with it. The magazine is now a true multi-platform media company, with a stellar website and a number of social media outlets, all in addition to their print edition. It also was one of the first magazines in the country to develop a digital edition and iPad app.

Finally, Comstock's magazine has never forgotten that it does not just report on the Sacramento region, but that they are also a key part of it. They offer complimentary advertising

and coverage to a number of nonprofits and charities, while also publishing an annual "Capital Region Cares" edition that spotlights the region's nonprofit community. Winnie and her colleagues have also supported a number of economic development efforts and have worked closely with the area's Chambers of Commerce and economic development organizations, such as SACTO, SARTA, and Valley Vision.

Mr. Speaker, as the staff, advertisers and readers of Comstock's come together to celebrate the magazine's 25th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their fine reporting and work that has helped define the Sacramento Region. I am confident that the magazine will continue to thrive in the years to come.

HONORING VIRGINIA INGRAM

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent who is an inspiration to many Brooklynites and New Yorkers. This Saturday, Virginia Ingram will turn 100 years old, an impressive feat that deserves our recognition and celebration.

Virginia Ingram was born on June 27, 1914 in Lynchburg, VA. The fifth child born to Charles and Alda Wilson, Virginia was raised on a large farm with her siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins. Growing up in a relatively rural area during the early 20th century, she's been known to tell stories related to her love of the outdoors. As a young woman, Mrs. Ingram would often accompany her father on a horse and buggy to chop wood for the fire.

Like so many others of her generation, Mrs. Ingram eventually migrated from the south to a northern city—New York. Coming to New York in 1930, she began a career working various seamstress jobs. Notably, during World War II, she helped make Mae West Jackets, the floatation devices that saved the lives of American fighter pilots.

After the war, in 1946, she met and married the late Lacey C. Ingram. Virginia and Lacey moved to the Red Hook projects at 811 Hicks Street in 1951. Together, they had two children and two stepdaughters. Today, she enjoys seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren who have further enriched her life.

Eventually, Mrs. Ingram moved to 80 Dwight Street, where she has been a Red Hook resident for over 60 years. It was there that she met the late Reverend and Mrs. McBride, founders of New Brown Memorial Baptist Church. A woman of deep faith, Mrs. Ingram was one of the original parishioners at the church. In the early days, Sunday Service was held in Rev. McBride's apartment. Sunday School was held in various church members' apartments. Mrs. Ingram has loving memories of those years and everyone who helped build the church.

In 1979, Mrs. Ingram went to Bible School, later becoming a Missionary. With the support and blessing of the late Rev. Truitte, she remained dedicated to this calling. She was a missionary for many years, working alongside many dynamic women before serving under Reverend Reid as a Deaconess.